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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 05, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$110.00 which covers the fee for the one-month extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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